the coal sector, Government have laid down any clear-cut guidelines for participation of the medium/small sector vis-a-vis the major participants in the development of this sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) names of these sectors, the normal growth of the medium and small scale sector is sought to be ensured in the process of their participation in the privatisation/liberalisation programme; and

(d) what are the financial/technical support being provided to the medium/small scale sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) After the liberalisation of the coal sector carried out by amending the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 on 9th June, 1993, guidelines have been framed *inter-alia*, on minimum size of underground and opencast coal mines to be offered for captive mining, the eligibility of the companies to be engaged in captive mining of coal and the procedural steps to be complied with by them for the purpose. The companies in the medium and small sector engaged in iron and steel production, power generation, washing of coal obtained from a mine and other end uses to be notified by the Government from time to time can also do captive mining provided they fulfil the above conditions.

(d) No financial support to the companies in medium and small sector is being provided for captive coal mining. However, they can avail of the technical guidance in this field from Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited, Ranchi.

Stock position of rice under PDS

1082. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) stock position of rice under PDS, month-wise, in 1995, 1996 at FCI depots in Mumbai;

(b) whether the non-availability of rice at FCI depots led to breakdown in supplies to ration shops in Mumbai and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any diversion of wagons allotted for movement of rice for public distribution in favour of select rice exporters took place and if so, the number of wagons allotted and number of diversion made and the reasons therefor; and

(d) stock position of wheat and rice in FCI depots during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The month-wise stock position of rice in the Central Pool in FCI godowns in Mumbai is as under:

'000 tonnes

Month ending	1995	1996
January	59.84	54.81
February	67.09	
March	75.11	
April	63.66	
May	84.57	
June	87.11	
July	85.41	
August	76.62	
September	71.78	
October	79.15	
November	75.29	
December	53.37	

(b) No, Sir. FCI was having sufficient quantities of fine/super fine rice in its godowns in Bombay which cater to the requirements of Bombay Rationing Area.

(c) No, Sir. FCI has not diverted PDS rakes for the benefit of rice exporters.

(d) The stocks of wheat and rice in the Central Pool held in FCI godown (All India Basis) as on 1st January & 1st July during the last three years were as under:—

(In Lakh Tonnes)

			Rice	Wheat	Total
1993	As on 1st Jan.		84.63	19.55	104.18
	As on 1st July		92.73	83.70	176.43
1994	As on 1st Jan.		111.73	67.43	179.16
	As on 1st July		132.60	94.47	227.07
1995	As on 1st Jan.		146.58	72.00	218.58
	As on 1st July		151.29	87.38	238.67

Procurement of wheat and rice

1083. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2138 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th December, 1995 and State:

(a) whether Government's expectation regarding the procurement of foodgrains has been met during the last year; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A quantity of 118.68 lakh tonnes of wheat and 135.83 lakh tonnes of rice had been procured for Central Pool during 1994-95 Rabi/Kharif Marketing Seasons.

(b) Does not arise.

औद्योगिक विवाद अधिनियम से सम्बद्ध मामले

1084. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :**
श्री नागमणि :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान विभिन्न मंचों में लम्बित औद्योगिक विवादों और श्रमिकों से संबंधित मामलों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या सरकार इन मामलों को शीघ्र निपटाने हेतु और अधिक न्यायालय/न्यायधिकरण स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इन न्यायालयों/न्यायाधिकरणों को कब तक स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) सरकार द्वारा इन मामलों के शीघ्र निपटान हेतु क्या प्रयास किए गए हैं/किए जा रहे हैं?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी) : (क) से (ङ) राज्य सरकारों और संघ शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Delicensing of Sugar Mills

1085. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA :
SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the requirement of sugar at present in the country;

(b) the total production of sugar to meet the requirement;

(c) whether the existing sugar mills are capable enough to meet the demand of sugar;

(d) if not, whether the delicensing of sugar mills will be allowed in the country; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) As per the present estimates, the total internal consumption of sugar during the current 1995-96 sugar season would be about 130 lakh tonnes.

(b) The total sugar production during the current 1995-96 sugar season is estimated to be around 140 lakh tonnes.